

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE - DRAFT

Action/Discussion Item:

Rescind Declaration of Emergency for the Covington Independent School District

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 160.550

History/Background:

Existing Policy. In December 2008 the Kentucky Board of Education declared an emergency in the Covington Independent School District due to what was reported to be a deficit based on the final Annual Financial Report (AFR) originally submitted by the district to KDE. Covington has now submitted an amended AFR after discovering expenditures that could be transferred from the General Fund to the Construction fund. The district now has a fund balance of 0.02% and is not in deficit. Though the district will remain on the Watch List, they do not need to be in emergency status. The district will continue to receive assistance from the Office of District Support Services.

Staff Recommendation(s) and Rationale(s):

Staff recommends that the Kentucky Board of Education rescind the declaration of emergency for the Covington Independent School District, because they have resubmitted their audited Annual Financial Report with a 0.02 percent balance in Fund 1. Staff also recommends that the district be placed on the Watch List because they had less than a 2 percent ending balance.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

It would be very difficult for any district to deliver an appropriate education to all students given the financial situation in this school district.

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